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Via e-mail

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Re: PRA Request re Camera Registration Policies - October 5, 2016

Dear Mr. Snow:

I am assigned to provide legal assistance to the Sheriff's Office. Your email letter to Jennifer Prado sent on October 5, 2016 and titled "San Mateo County Sheriff—Camera Registration Policies and Information" was forwarded to me for response.

We spoke on October 5, 2016 so that I could get some clarification. As I understand our call, you do not have any particular reason to believe that the Sheriff's Office has a camera registration program other than you noted a reference to "video monitoring systems" relative to Countywide Security. My understanding is that that reference is to the County's own security cameras.

I have conducted a search and can find no evidence that the Sheriff's Office has or uses a camera registration program. While my search was not limited to Countywide Security, I specifically found no evidence that Countywide Security does use or maintains such a program. Nor have I been able to identify any written communications with the NCRIC regarding such a program. Because of the lack of evidence of use or maintenance of such a program, searching for documents has been challenging. If you develop any reason to believe that the Sheriff's Office uses or maintains such a program or the identity of a Sheriff's Office personnel that might be involved, and can provide me the bases of that belief, it might aid in additional searches.

Erich Snow
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I should note that I am responding solely on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and not on behalf of the District Attorneys' Office, which is a separate elected office. You confirmed that the reference to the District Attorney's Office in your letter is a typographical error.

Sincerely,

JOHN C. BEIERS, COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
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